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VIA ECF & EMAIL

The Honorable Nelson S. Román
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601

**Re: *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaeké*,
17 Cr. 225 (NSR)**

Dear Judge Román:

We have been assigned as legal advisors to Chukwuemeka Okparaeké in the above-referenced matter. As the Court is aware, on May 14, 2021, Mr. Okparaeké filed a motion to withdraw his guilty plea, moved to dismiss Counts One and Three of the Information and requested a *Fatico* hearing regarding the decedent's cause of death. On June 2, 2021, the Court granted Mr. Okparaeké's request to extend the Government's time to respond so that he could further consider the implications of his motion (*See* ECF No. 181). The Government is now to respond to the motion by June 11, 2021. Mr. Okparaeké is also scheduled to be sentenced on July 30, 2021.

On June 1, and June 2, 2021, advisory counsel spoke with Mr. Okparaeké regarding his motion to withdraw his guilty plea. After consideration, and with the Court's permission, Mr. Okparaeké now wishes to withdraw only that portion of his motion seeking a *Fatico* hearing regarding the decedent's cause of death. He understands that doing so would obviate the need for the Government to respond on that issue. He does wish to move forward with the remainder of his motion to withdraw his guilty plea and to dismiss Counts One and Three.

The Court's time and consideration of this matter are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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